

**Table 1. Prevalence of Disability, Montana Adults, 2001 and 2003**  
(with 95% confidence intervals)

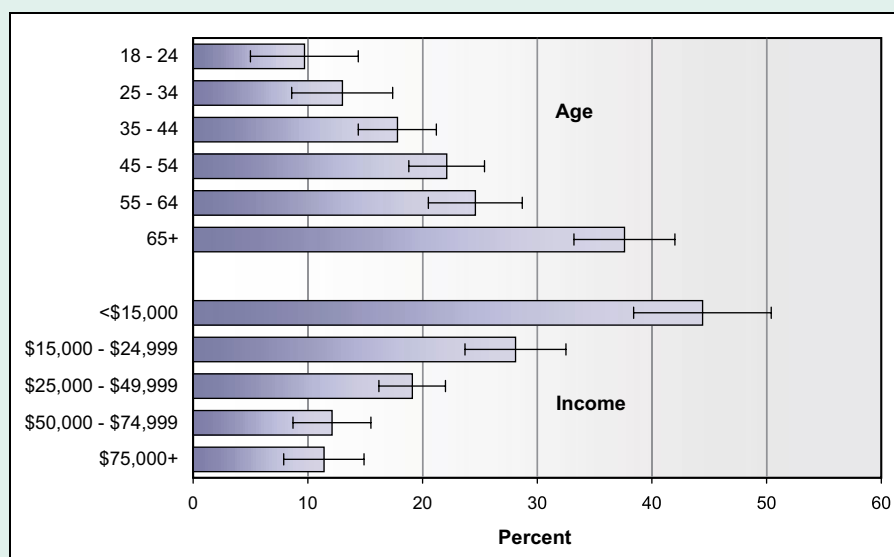
Activities are limited due to a health problem						
	Total No.	2001 %	CI	Total No.	2003 %	CI
All Adults	3332	19.0	17.2-20.8	3976	19.9	18.3-21.5
Health problem requires use of special equipment						
	Total No.	2001 %	CI	Total No.	2003 %	CI
All Adults	3337	5.3	4.3-6.2	3993	6.4	5.4-7.4
DISABILITY						
	Total No.	2001 %	CI	Total No.	2003 %	CI
All Adults	3333	20.2	18.4-22.0	3976	21.4	19.7-23.1
<b>Sex:</b>						
Male	1421	17.4	14.9-19.9	1724	19.4	17.0-21.9
Female	1912	22.8	20.2-25.4	2252	23.4	21.1-25.6
<b>Age:</b>						
18 - 24	245	12.9	7.2-18.6	245	9.7	5.0-14.4
25 - 34	459	10.4	7.0-13.8	502	13.0	8.6-17.4
35 - 44	658	12.4	9.2-15.6	748	17.8	14.4-21.2
45 - 54	752	23.6	19.2-28.0	916	22.1	18.8-25.4
55 - 64	481	30.4	24.9-35.9	664	24.7	20.6-28.8
65+	734	31.7	27.3-36.1	869	37.6	33.2-42.0
<b>Education:</b>						
<High School	363	31.5	24.7-38.3	358	30.9	24.0-37.8
High School	1135	18.8	15.7-21.9	1350	21.9	19.0-24.8
Some College	968	22.3	18.8-25.8	1128	21.6	18.4-24.8
College Degree	861	15.2	12.2-18.2	1136	18.1	15.2-21.0
<b>Income:</b>						
<\$15,000	334	34.3	26.7-41.9	516	44.4	38.4-50.3
\$15,000 - \$24,999	702	20.3	16.1-24.5	837	28.1	23.7-32.5
\$25,000 - \$49,999	970	17.3	14.1-20.5	1270	19.1	16.2-22.0
\$50,000 - \$74,999	321	14.8	9.7-19.9	518	12.1	8.7-15.5
\$75,000+	238	9.8	4.7-14.9	411	11.4	7.9-14.9
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>						
White, non-Hispanic	2789	19.4	17.5-21.3	3430	21.2	19.5-22.9
non-White or Hispanic:	523	27.4	21.9-32.9	522	21.5	15.7-27.3
AI/AN*	350	26.5	20.1-32.9	359	21.7	14.3-29.1
Other or Hispanic**	173	28.3	19.4-37.2	163	21.3	12.3-30.3

\* American Indian or Alaska Native only

\*\* All other non-White (including multiracial) or Hispanic

## PREVALENCE OF DISABILITY – 2003

Figure 2. Prevalence of disability by age and income, Montana adults – 2003



### Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems?

Twenty percent of Montana adults reported activity limitation in 2003.

### Do you now have any health problem that requires you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone?

Six percent of adult Montanans reported using special equipment due to a health problem in 2003.

### DISABILITY — defined as a “Yes” response to one or both of the above questions.

Overall, one in five (21%) Montana adults lived with disability in 2003.

Twenty-three percent of females and 19 percent of males reported disabilities.

Disability increased significantly with increasing age—those 65 and older (38%) were more than twice as likely to have disabilities as those 18-64 years old (18%).

The prevalence of disability in Montana adults was inversely associated with income. Forty-four percent of those with household incomes less than \$15,000 per year reported disabilities compared to 12 percent of those with incomes of \$50,000 or more.

The prevalence of disability was higher among adults who had not completed high school (31%) than those with a college degree (18%).

In 2003, race was not a factor in the prevalence of disability in Montana—21 percent of White, non-Hispanic adults and 22 percent of non-White or Hispanic adults reported disabilities.